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Letter to The Hon David E. Bell, Dir, BOB from DCI McCone

I am writing to advise you of my understanding with respect to the amount which should be included in the CIA Budget for FY 1964 to provide for those programs for which the Agency is responsible within the NRP. Within this Program, the Agency is responsible for a wide variety of developmental and operational activities. In the aircraft field, we are currently developing the OX A-12 aircraft, operating IDEALIST and STPOLLY and have the responsibility for the development of a new A-12Q drone. We also have the payload portion of an opnl satellite program and are conducting feasibility studies looking to the development of a truly covert satellite reconnaissance system. In addition, we are engaged in programs of general research to provide future capabilities as well as in activities, such mpkm as photographic processing, required for support of all these programs.

(attachment lists specific projects and estimated cost)

I understand the DOD suggested CIA include in its budget cost of WEDLOCK program. I think this program should be carried in the DOD budget although CIA will continue to do contracting on reimbursable basis.

CIA estimate for its share of total recon program FY 1964 was \$222.1 million, but upon adding new drone program, now estimated at \$269,715,000.

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